

BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 425

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 8, 1965

Application of D. C. Transit System, )  
Inc., for Thirty (30) Days Temporary )  
Authority to Establish a New Line, )  
Riggs Road, Maryland Line, Route F-6.)

Application No. 287

On December 18, 1964, D. C. Transit System, Inc., filed an application with the Commission for authority to abolish its Riggs Road, Maryland Line, Route F-6.

This operation originated when, after filing of a formal complaint by Nursing Home Services, Inc., seeking service, D. C. Transit and the complainant agreed that D. C. Transit would seek temporary authority to operate a trial service in order to determine whether there was a need for the transportation and whether it was economically feasible.

Order No. 398, served October 9, 1964, granted D. C. Transit ninety (90) day temporary authority, effective November 1, 1964, to establish Route F-6 which would operate between New Hampshire and Eastern Avenues and Northwest Park Apartments. D. C. Transit requested thirty days temporary authority, but the Commission was of the opinion that a thirty-day trial period was of insufficient duration to make an accurate determination of the need for service. Therefore, ninety-day authority was granted with the proviso that D. C. Transit could petition the Commission for permission to terminate the service anytime within the ninety-day trial period.

Order No. 398 also required D. C. Transit to make daily passenger counts on Route F-6 during the trial period, and to submit a copy of their counts to the Commission each week. These counts revealed that the daily patronage during the period of November 1 to December 16, 1964, was insufficient to cover even one-half of the operators' wages. Patronage appears to have peaked, and further service would fail to produce sufficient revenue to cover out-of-pocket expenses.

The complainant has, by counsel, advised the Commission that it has no objection to the discontinuance of the service and will move to dismiss the formal complaint.

Notice of the proposed discontinuance was posted in the vehicle as required. Three letters of protest have been received.

The Commission is of the opinion that the trial service was conducted over a period of sufficient duration to enable it to determine the need and feasibility of the service; that the service is economically unfeasible and is not, and will not be, required by the public convenience and necessity.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition of D. C. Transit System, Inc., to discontinue its Route F-6 be, and it is hereby, granted, effective January 9, 1965.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Delmer Ison', is written over the printed name.

DELMER ISON

Executive Director